

REMARKS

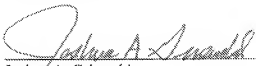
Claims 1-3, 6-10, 12-18 and 20-24 are pending in the application. Claim 24 is newly added, and is submitted as allowable for reasons analogous to allowable claim 1. Applicant submits that claim 24 adds no new matter, see for example, page 5, lines 3-7 of the application.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance and requests such a Notice. If the present application is not allowed and/or if one or more of the rejections is maintained, Applicants hereby request a telephone conference with the Examiner and further request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney to schedule the telephone conference.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$200.00 for excess claim fees and \$180.00 for the IDS late surcharge fee to deposit account 06-1050. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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